(ii) enhancement of loan to agriculture sector by the banks from 18 per cent to 20 per cent;

(iii) keeping the rate of interest on crop loans upto a maximum of 5 per cent; and

(iv) Modification of Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme to include non-loanee farmers alongwith farmers who have taken bank loans.

The suggestions have been examined.

(i) **Enhancement of fertilizer subsidy:** Allocation of funds for subsidy on fertilizers is made on the basis of likely production/imports of controlled fertilizers, retention price of individual units, notified sale etc. So long as there is one set of controlled price of urea for the farmers, the farmers would not benefit from any enhanced allocation for fertilizer subsidy.

(ii) **Loan to farmers:** Out of 40 per cent of advances to priority sector, 18 per cent of the total advance for agriculture appears quite adequate.

(iii) **Interest on crop loans:** It is not possible to limit the rate of interest on crop loans upto 5 per cent as this would be very uneconomical for the viability of the banks. The present rates being charged by the Institutional Agencies are, however, less than the rates prevailing in the informal sector for crop loans.

(iv) **Modification of Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme:** A proposal is under consideration to revise the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) in which the question of extending the scheme to non-loanee farmers will be examined alongwith other issues.

External credit for rehabilitation of quake affected villages

4051. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to answr to Unstarred Question 1673 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th March, 1995 and state:

(a) the quantum of external credit provided to the State Government of Maharashtra for rehabilitation of quake affected villages in Maharashtra;

(b) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has given long term loan for rehabilitation of affected villages and if so, what are the details thereof and what is the rate of interest at which the credit has been given; and

(c) the details of the amount so far utilised for construction of houses in the affected villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) The World Bank has agreed to provide an IDA credit equivalent of US $246.0 million for the Maharashtra earthquake rehabilitation programme. The IDA credit has a service charge of ¾ per cent and is repayable over 35 years, including a grace period of 10 years.

(c) Upto the end of January, 1995, US $26.855 million has been utilised under the project.

Integrated Foodgrains Development Programme

4052. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any change has been effected in the schemes under Centrally sponsored Integrated Foodgrains Development Programmes so that these schemes are to be implemented in selected Development Blocks instead of whole district;

(b) if so, the criterion for the selection of Development Blocks;

(c) whether Government will deprive the farmers of other facilities under these schemes like demonstrations and organic fertilizers etc. and whether the subsidy on wheat and coarse foodgrains has been reduced to 75 per cent which was cent per cent earlier; and

(d) if so, whether in view of the limited financial sources of Madhya Pradesh, these schemes will be operated in the State with cent per cent assistance from the Centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) The Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Rice, Wheat, Maize & Millets have been modified as Integrated Cereals Development Programme—Rice (ICDP-Rice), Wheat (ICDP-Wheat) and Coarse Cereals (ICDP-Coarse Cereals) for implementation in respective cropping system areas for increasing the overall production of cereals instead of individual crop from the year 1994-95.

The blocks having comparatively larger area coverage under Cereals and the productivity levels lower than the State/National average have been identified under the Integrated Cereals Development Programmes for the implementation of field demonstrations and farmers training. However, other components of the schemes like distribution of seeds and farm implements, awards to Gram Panchayats for maximising the productivity, etc. are being implemented in all the blocks of the States covered under the schemes.

(c) and (d) Under the schemes, incentives for demonstration are being given to the farmers. There is generally no reduction of incentives provided to the farmers as compared to the earlier schemes. However, the schemes are being implemented uniformly on 75:25 funding pattern between the Government of India and concerned State Governments including Madhya Pradesh. There is no proposal under consideration to vary the funding pattern for any State.

Take over of Amul Dairy by Gujarat Government

4053. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government are aware that the Government of Gujarat has decided to take over the management of Amul Dairy and if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) on what grounds the Dairy is proposed to be taken over by the Government of Gujarat; and

(c) the reaction of Government in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) The Government of Gujarat have informed that there is no such move at present to take over the management of Amul Dairy.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

Subsidy on fertilizers

4054. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total subsidy sanctioned for supply of fertilizers to the cultivators during 1994-95;

(b) the rate of subsidy on various products;

(c) whether the subsidy has been given to the manufacturers and included in the wholesale/retail price; and

(d) the estimated proportion of the volume of fertilizer subsidies which has been utilised by the small and marginal farmers?